476-1574

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

Barson et al.

SERIAL NO.: 08/888,361

FILED: July 3, 1997

FOR: Forming a Signature of Parameters Extracted

From Information

) Examiner: Wilbert L. Starks, Jr.

Group Art Unit No. 2762

RECEIVE 2700 Meine de confederos ited with

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class maif in an envelope of addressed to "Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, Box:" on July 23, 1999.

Name of person ligning Lori M. Beggs

Signature

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an automatic extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action of March 24, 1999 Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than July 24, 1999.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17, the required fee of \$110 is attached hereto.

July 23, 1999

07/28/1999 STEFERRA 00000075 08888361

01 FC:115

110.00 OP

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Lee, Jr.

Registration No. 26,935

Lee, Mann, Smith, McWilliams Sweeney & Ohlson P.O. Box 2786 Chicago, Illinois 60690-2786 (312) 368-1300 Facsimile (312) 368-0034